

THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND ITS INTERESTS



HAND-EMBROIDERIES ON TAILORED WAISTS.

A feature of the new tailored shirtwaist is hand-embroideries on the pleats, collar, and cuffs. The ingenious woman is stamping and working her own designs, while others gifted with less skill are quite satisfied to buy the pattern ready stamped. Here the full fronts are tucked either side of the narrow front pleats, these tucks running to the waist line, and between these and the two belt pleats, stitched to yoke depth, is another group of tucks of the same depth. The back is plain, with three box pleats set on and stitched, or these may be omitted with equally good effect. Hand-embroideries decorate the box pleats, the front pleat, upper and lower edge of deep cuff and the little turnover collar.

INFANTS NOT ILL DURING MARCH HEALTHY CHILDREN

Clothing, Sleep, and Diet Should Be Carefully Regulated by Mother—Daily Cold Bath.

Young children should be more carefully protected against illness during the month of March than at any other time of the year. For sudden changes in temperature make them susceptible to pneumonia, bronchitis, croup (the dread of all mothers), and intestinal disturbances.

A baby who lives through one March, according to the head physician of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, and keeps in good health during the blustery, changeable days, should not only be in physical condition to withstand the heat of summer, but also the cold of a following winter.

"An infant who is clad in warm but not very heavy clothing, whose mother is careful about its diet, and has plenty of ventilation in the room where it sleeps, should not be subject to pneumonia, etc., even during March," he says.

Too Much Care Causes Illness.
"Many mothers actually bring sickness upon their small children by being overzealous about their taking cold during the latter part of winter, and as a preventive put too heavy garments on them, which often bring about the very condition they hoped to avert. The extra weight flannels worn on very cold days are often too warm, and not only irritate the flesh, but cause a perspiration which opens the pores of the skin and literally invites cold."

"When a child's body is wet with perspiration a cold of some sort is almost inevitable. If it gets in a draught when the clothing is wet. About the only way to avoid croup, etc., under such conditions is to remove the damp garments, give the child's body a vigorous rubbing and put it to bed after a generous drink of hot milk. I have known this to avert many symptoms of cold."

A young infant's clothing during the month of March should be carefully regulated from day to day, and if any changes in weight are necessary they should be made by the mother. The only sensible way to clothe a baby when it is cold is to wear flannels when it is cold and lighter ones when it is mild. "Should the weather grow colder toward evening, I think it is always advisable to place heavier garments on the little one to make sure they will be sufficiently warm, yet never uncomfortably so. The best test I know for clothing is to get them of such a weight that when the baby exercises they will not cause it to perspire and yet will be comfortable when it is quiet. The old advice about keeping the feet warm is one that every mother should follow strictly to the letter. Flannel stockings of a medium weight should be worn by infants as well as by larger children, and the greatest care should be taken to prevent a small child from learning to walk from getting its feet wet."

Dry Stockings.
"Once they are damp, dry hose should be put on immediately, after the little feet have been well bathed in warm water to avoid, if possible, catching cold. When the baby is taken out for an airing, as it should be each day, a wrap of a weight that will be comfortable should be put on, and a hood that will protect the head and yet not make it hot (it should never be hot) should be tied in place before the baby is taken out of doors. If mothers have but one coat for the little one, a light weight wrap would be preferable, for plenty of blankets, shawls, etc., can be tucked around the infant to keep it warm on very cold days."

"As to the daily airing, it is absolutely essential to the good health of even very young children, and should not be neglected for a single day when weather conditions will permit—by that I mean when it is clear and the sun is bright."

WOMAN'S INQUIRY COLUMN

Letters to the Woman's Inquiry Column are invited. They should be addressed to Editor Woman's Inquiry Column, Washington Times, and should reach the office before Saturday to insure an answer the following week. Each letter must bear the full and correct signature and the address of the sender, not for publication, but merely as an evidence of good faith. Unsigned letters received will be ignored.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

1. Tell me of a nice costume to wear to a masquerade ball and how to make it. Something that will not be expensive.
2. Tell me the difference between a waltz and a two-step and how to reverse.
3. When you use far water to wash the head should you use soap? M. B.

1. Cotton crapes makes very inexpensive and pretty fancy dresses. Have a white gown made of this material—the waist made low-necked, with elbow sleeves. Have a soft, pale green girdle, and the skirt trimmed with bands of green. Make quantities of white tissue paper water lilies, with the outside petals green, and bedeck yourself profusely with these. Have one in your hair, the neck of your gown adorned with them and let them hang by long rubber stems from your waist down to the hem of your skirt. This is the regular everyday apparel of every water nymph who lives and I am sure it will be becoming.
2. A waltz has three steps to a measure, two steps and the time of the music is different, of course. I couldn't teach you how to reverse on paper. If I took the rest of the day to get one of your girl friends to do it, it would be much more satisfactory.
3. Far water is not used to wash the hair, but merely to dampen it to make it wavy.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
Is it proper for a young lady to ask a young man to go to a party when he is keeping company with someone else? V. H. S.

I am old-fashioned enough to think the man should ask the girl if he may be her escort. I don't know enough about this matter of "keeping company" to advise anyone. If the other young woman is likely to fight to protect her property rights it would be the part of prudence for you to take some unattached young man to the party.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
Tell me if I can clean a blue beaver hat. E. L. C.

A professional cleaner will do this for you for a moderate charge. I know of no one that I could guarantee would not change the color.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
1. What kind of a dress should I wear to recite at a big fair?
2. How should a suit be made for a girl of fourteen years? ANXIOUS.

1. Wear a pretty white dress made of mull or any of the sheer dress materials, and white shoes and stockings.
2. With a pleated skirt and a jaunty little short jacket made with elbow sleeves.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
What colors will be worn this spring for suits? A. C. R.

Gray, dark blue, green and straw-berly color.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
Chauffeur was mispronounced in the Woman's Inquiry Column, Monday, March 5. The accent should be on the last syllable instead of the first. MRS. S. G. B.

Thank you for correcting my mistake.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
Are long, dark red coat suits, with sleeves large at the top, to be worn this winter? As they are cheaper now, would you think it wise to invest? M. S.

It is rather hard to tell so far ahead. Very often, though, it is an economical plan to purchase a winter suit late in the season.

I have received a great many letters lately, but they were unsigned, and consequently were immediately consigned to the waste basket.

To Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:
Having read your advice, I am also going to ask your advice. Please tell me how to celebrate St. Patrick's night? It is my birthday, and I am going to have a little party. Girls from about ten to fourteen years are to be invited. Should I ask them to dress in green? How must I dress? How must I entertain them? What must I have for the supper and how must I trim the table? As it will begin about 7 p. m., what time must I have the supper. Please answer and advise. A CONSTANT READER.

At St. Patrick's day birthday party given by a clever girl she invited the guests to dress in this manner: Miss Bridget O'Minnigan (her right name) and St. Patrick of Ireland invite you to be present at their joint birthday celebration, Saturday, March 17, 1906, at seven-thirty o'clock. Each guest will please wear something green. As the guests arrived they were presented with a glass of beer.

Odd-Fashioned Hominy.
Select good ears of corn, white variety may be used, if preferred; shell, sort out imperfect grains, and run off all chaff by shaking pan containing corn and briskly blowing on it. If there is no wind, to make the job, pour a tea kettle of boiling water over a handful of good wood ashes, and let stand over night. In the morning pour the corn in the kettle and place the stove on an iron kettle and boil until hulls are loosened, and can be easily removed by continuous rubbing. Return to the kettle and continue to boil and rinse until all the hulls are removed. Perfectly cleaned, thoroughly cooked, and fried in butter or meat fat, is one of the best dishes to place upon the table in winter.

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A NEW SPRING MODEL.

While only a few women have thus far ventured forth in straw hats, the millinery shops are filled with them. The early spring hats are small and decidedly more attractive than the small hats of last spring. Sailor hats will be in high favor and an especially pretty model is white loggins, the crown and brim trimmed with Alice blue velvet. There is a bunch of roses in same color in front and a gorgeous shaded plume in similar tone is artistically arranged at back, under brim.

The White Season.

"Despite the free use of vivid colors, these will be in the minority, and the coming season will be distinctively and emphatically white."

"The high-class tailors report that white broadcloth, serge, and flannel are in unprecedented demand, for simple walking costumes as well as for visiting and driving. They advise their patrons to select only high-grade material, because the cheaper varieties soil very much more readily."

"Piques are going to be worn, and they will be particularly smart for morning frocks, and also for separate coats and wraps. The piques show various styles of cording, from very fine to very heavy, and their firmness delights the heart of the ladies' tailor. Equestrian embroidery shows to advantage on pique, either by itself or in combination with motifs of 'bobby' Irish lace. Hedebo or Danish cutwork is also used, and promises to be as popular as the Hardanger of recent seasons."

"The vogue for white gowns necessitates a corresponding one for white hats, both in felt and in lingerie. The white felt will be worn late into the advancing spring. The felt is of the same fine variety introduced during the winter, and the trimming shows wreaths of tulle voluminously plaited, and curling tips that nestle above the ear."—The Delineator.

Husband's Fault.

A man meets his fellows at work, in the street, in the club, and (too often) in the saloon, and then returns home.

He goes home to sleep, congratulating himself that he has indulged in no extravagance that day.

The wife keeps at her monotonous round of duties, longs for some diversion, something to relieve the dull routine, something to give life its old glow of romance and excitement, and when the husband falls asleep she lies awake with bitter discontent in her heart.

A simple pleasure, a call, a twenty-five-cent theater, anything to break the humdrum routine, would have changed the whole aspect of life for her.

Even a compliment or a word of praise and appreciation for her good cheer and her faithfulness would have put a different color on the world and averted the condition of final chaos which led up to the desertion recorded in the papers later.

This side of the shield my correspondent does not seem to see, but the two exist.

A great many wives are made "impossible" to live with by the utter lack of common sense and thoughtfulness in small, seemingly insignificant matters on the husband's part.

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